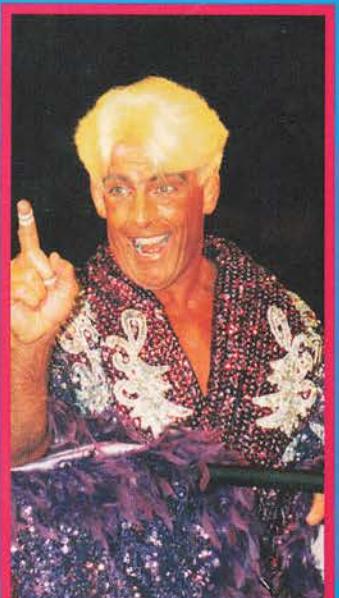
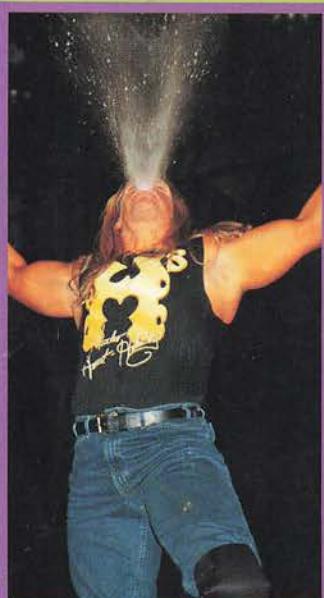
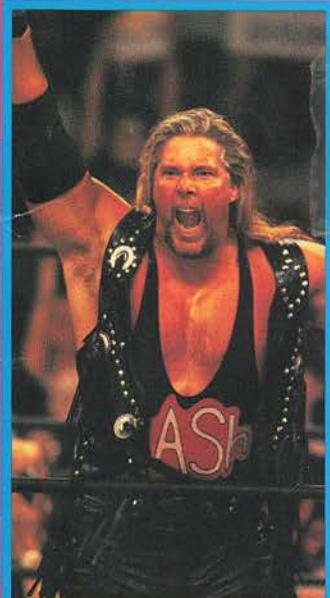
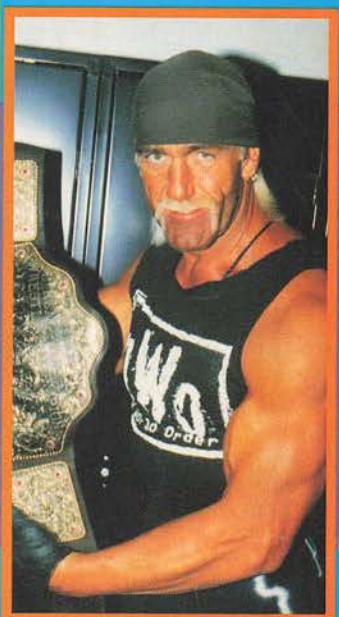
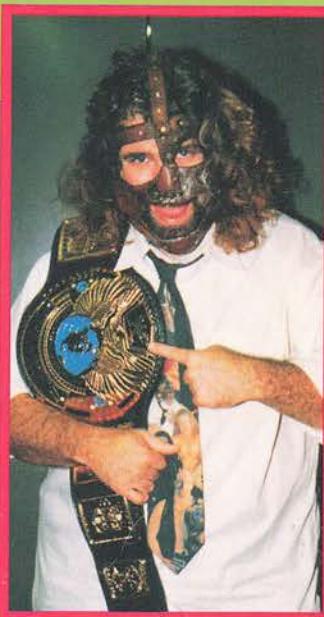
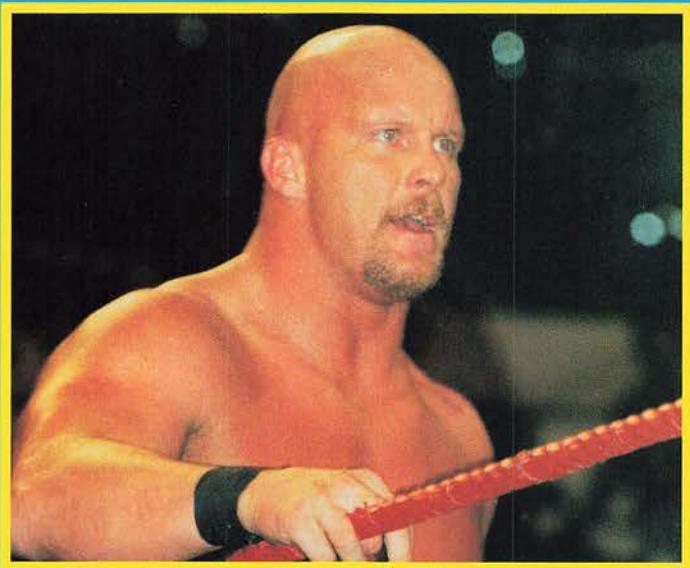


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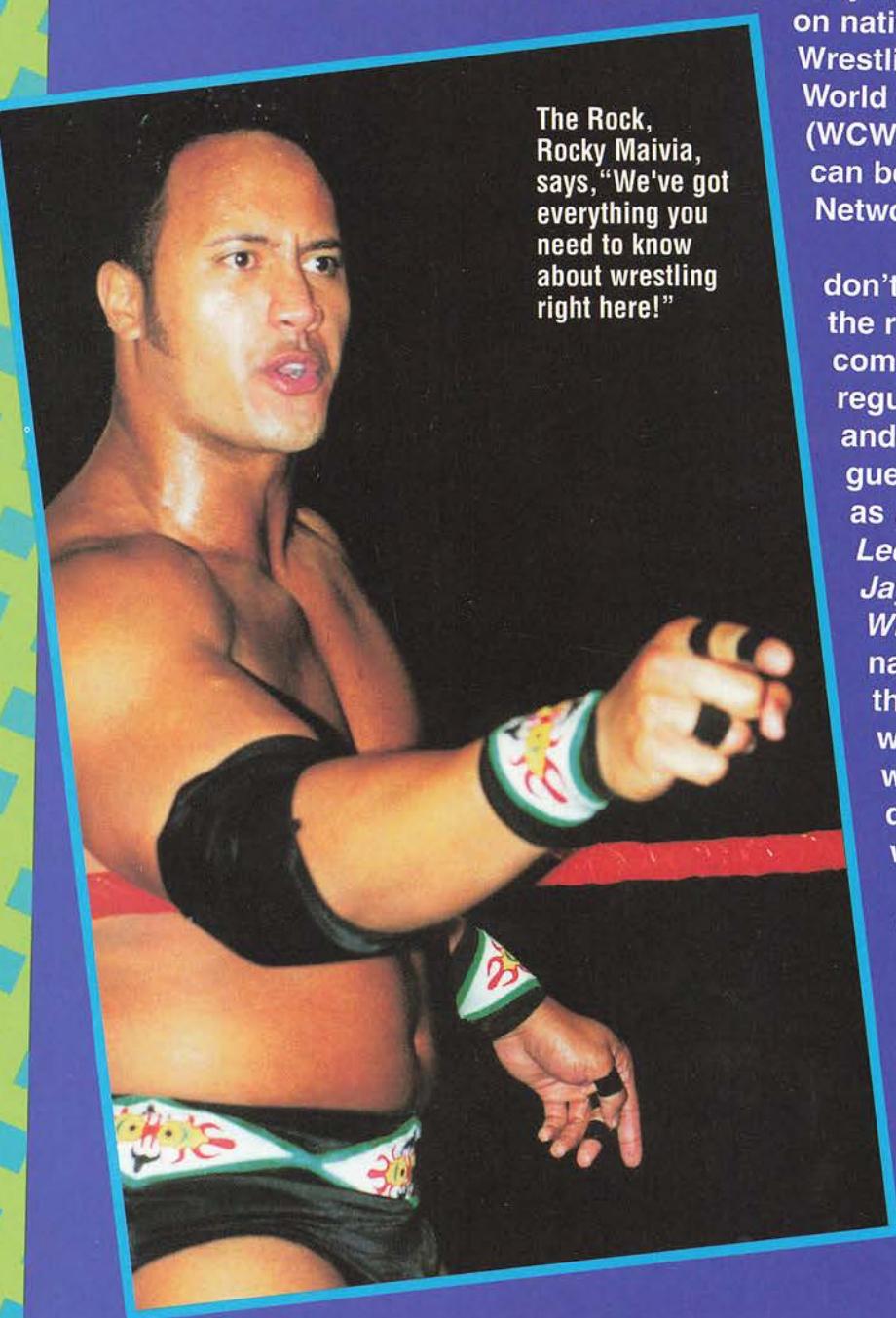
INTRODUCTION

Everywhere you turn these days, there seems to be a professional wrestler. Whether it is "Stone Cold" Steve Austin in a phone company commercial or "Macho Man" Randy Savage urging you to "Snap into a Slim Jim," wrestlers are making their presence felt. In fact, with 35 million viewers tuning in each week, pro-wrestling shows are the highest-rated programs on cable television! Wrestling is the rage of the nation, with two giant wrestling companies putting on live shows all over the country and broadcasting events

on national TV. The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and World Championship Wrestling (WCW) are the "Big Two," and can be seen on the USA Network, WTBS, TNT, and UPN.

These days, wrestlers don't confine themselves to the ring, either. In addition to commercials, wrestlers regularly appear in movies and TV shows. They are guests on such talk shows as *Live With Regis & Kathie Lee*, *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*, and *Late Night With David Letterman*, to name just a few. Not only that, the sport has been winning fans of all ages, who shell out millions of dollars every year for wrestling merchandise.

Yes, professional wrestling is everywhere and we'll tell you everything you need to know to get the most out of the current wrestling craze! Start reading!



The Rock,
Rocky Maivia,
says, "We've got
everything you
need to know
about wrestling
right here!"

THE GIANTS!

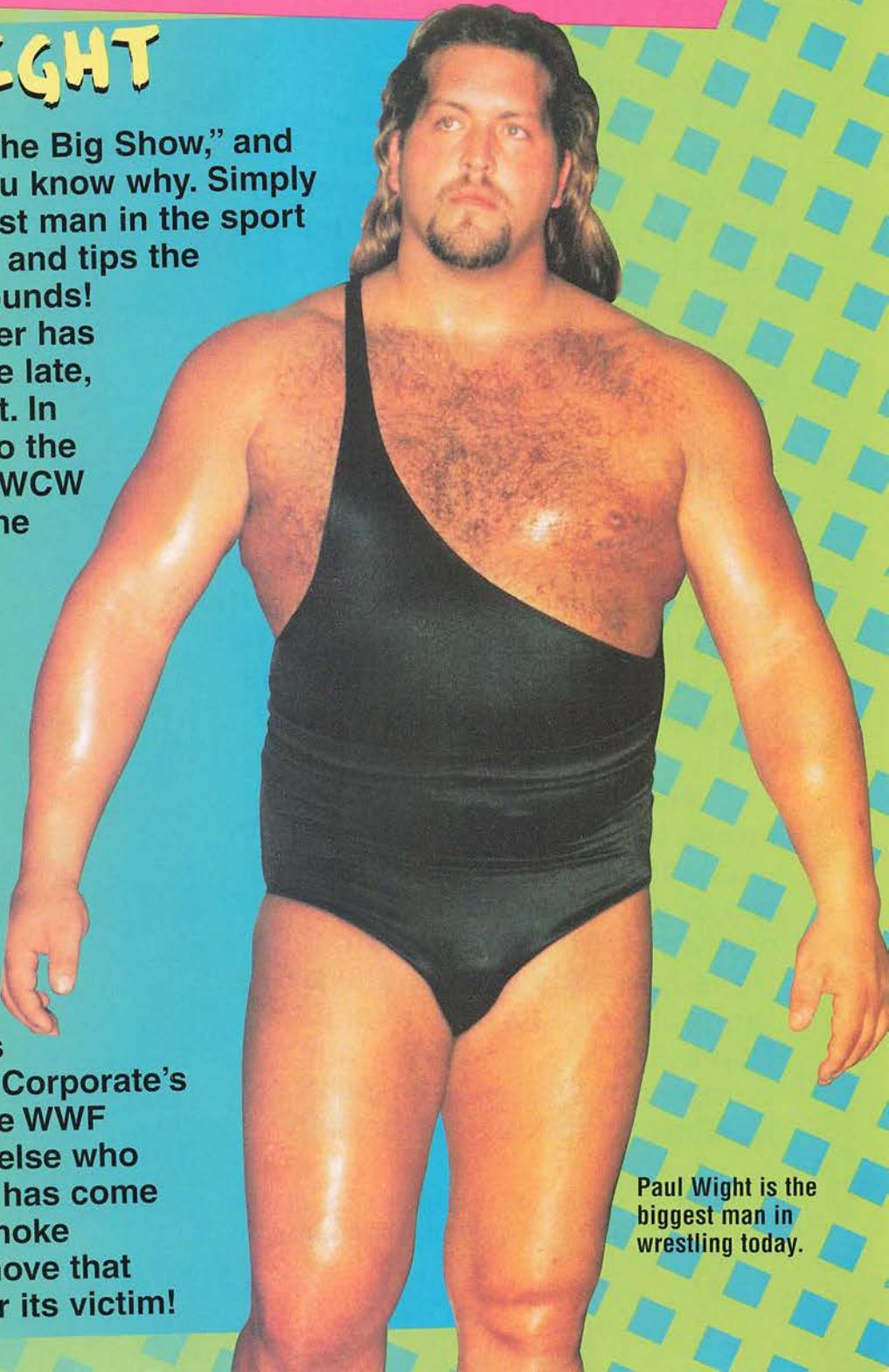
YOU CAN EXPECT BIG THINGS FROM THESE MEN WHEN THEY HIT THE RING! WHY? THEY ARE THE GOLIATHS OF THE GRAPPLING GAME, THE TRUE GIANTS OF THE SQUARED CIRCLE!

PAUL WIGHT

They call him "The Big Show," and once you see him, you know why. Simply put, Paul is the biggest man in the sport today. He stands 7'4" and tips the scales at over 500 pounds!

This mat monster has been compared to the late, great Andre the Giant. In fact, before coming to the WWF, he wrestled in WCW as The Giant. There, he won the WCW World Championship in record time and immediately established himself as one of the most awesome forces in professional wrestling.

Wight recently went to the WWF as an enforcer for Vince McMahon's Corporation, but has since become Team Corporate's worst nightmare! The WWF boss, like everyone else who gets in Wight's way, has come to fear his deadly Choke Slam—a finishing move that can spell the end for its victim!



Paul Wight is the biggest man in wrestling today.

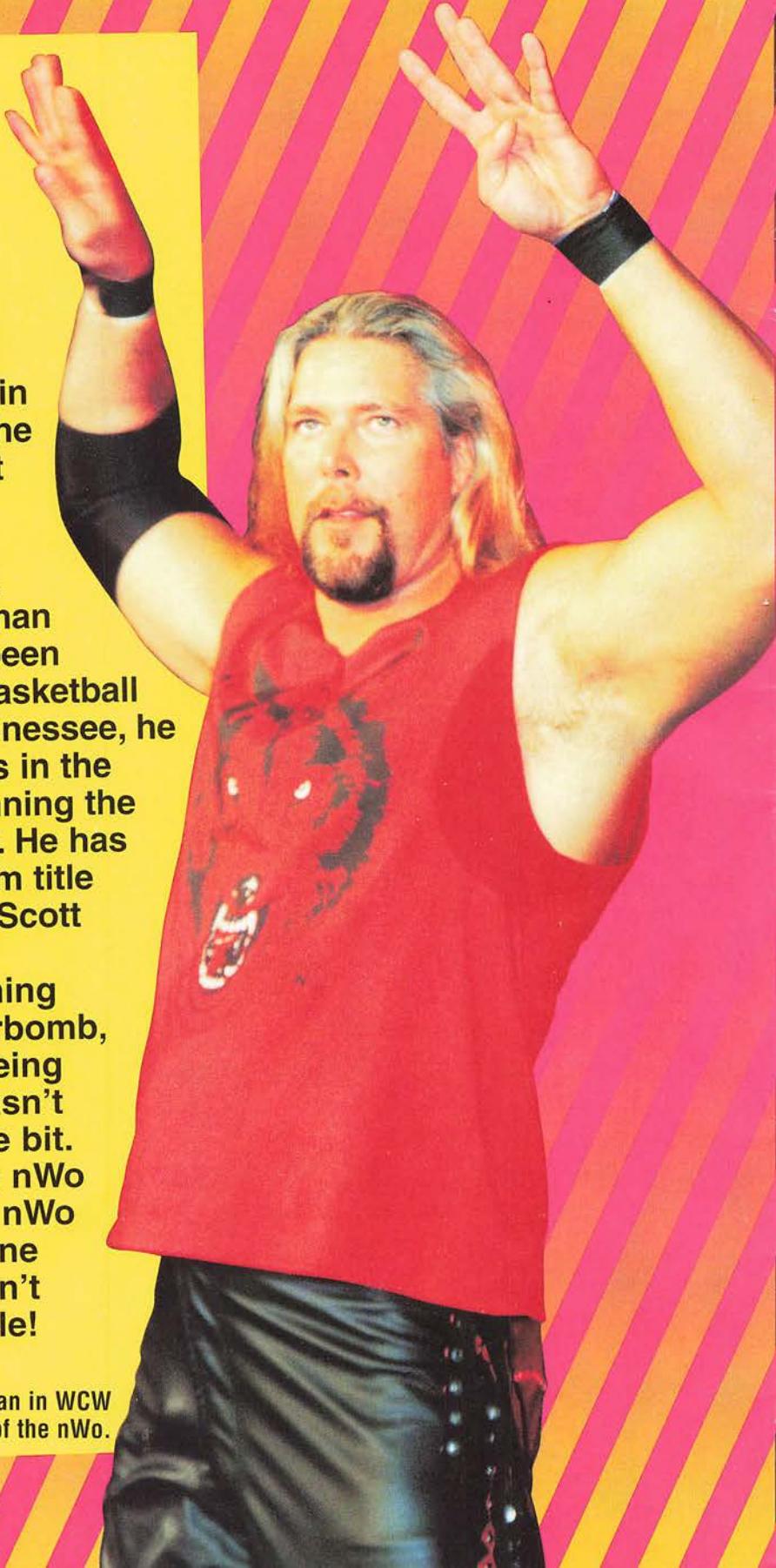
KEVIN NASH

Co-founder of the New World Order (nWo), Nash is another true ring giant who stands 7'0" tall and weighs in at 315 pounds. These days he calls himself "Big Sexy," but he was known as "Big Daddy Cool" Diesel in the WWF before going to WCW.

Extremely agile for a man his size, Nash has always been athletic. A former college basketball star at the University of Tennessee, he has met with much success in the squared circle, recently winning the WCW World Championship. He has also held the WCW Tag Team title belts with nWo co-founder Scott Hall.

Nash's dreaded finishing move, the Jackknife Powerbomb, was banned by WCW as being too dangerous, but that hasn't slowed down Big Sexy one bit. He is currently leading the nWo Wolfpack against the rival nWo Black & White, and he is one competitor whose men don't hesitate to follow into battle!

Kevin Nash is the big man in WCW and co-founder of the nWo.



KANE

The Big Red Machine, Kane, makes his way to the ring.



He may be the Undertaker's little brother, but Kane cuts an even BIGGER figure in the ring! The 7'0", 325-pounder seems to be indestructible and has earned the nickname "The Big Red Machine" for his size and invulnerability.

He wears a mask wherever he goes, as his face was disfigured in a fire that destroyed his family home and killed his parents. Brought to the WWF by Paul Bearer (who was later revealed to be Kane's real father), Kane has emerged as a true giant of the ring wars. He has actually beaten Steve Austin to reign briefly as the WWF World Champion. He has also held the WWF Tag Team titles with Mankind twice.

Kane is a man of few words. The fire damaged his vocal cords, so he needs a

special device to speak. That doesn't matter to Kane. The Big Red Machine knows that actions speak louder than words, so Kane does his talking by dishing out punishment in the ring!

THE OUTLAWS!

RULES WERE MADE TO BE BROKEN AND THESE GUYS DO IT DAY IN AND DAY OUT! THEY ARE THE BAD BOYS OF PROFESSIONAL WRESTLING, WHO THROW AWAY THE RULE BOOK AND DO IT THEIR OWN WAY!

HUNTER HEARST HELMSLEY

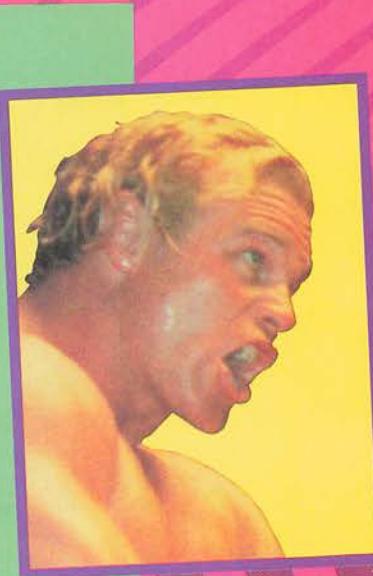
Triple H established himself as an outlaw as the leader of D-Generation X, and the "Greenwich Snob" continues to march to the beat of his own drummer. Long and lean, the 6'4", 246-pound Helmsley is a two-time WWF Intercontinental Champion, a two-time European Champ, and was the 1997 King of the Ring.

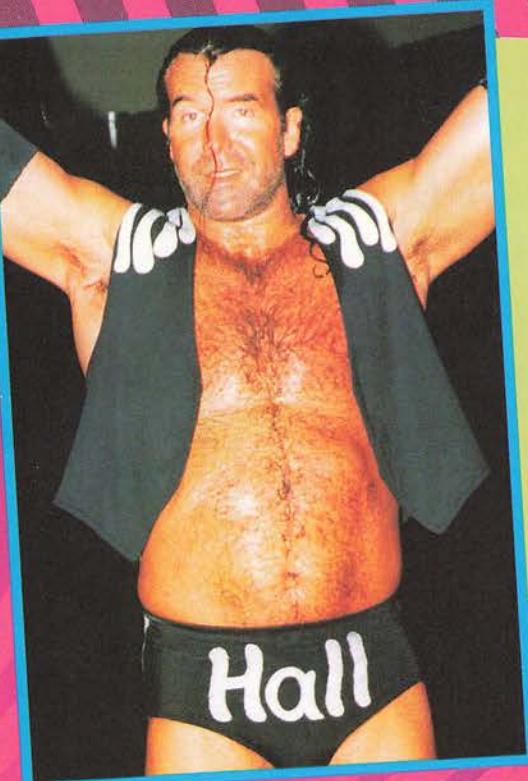
This cocky superstar recruited female bodybuilder Chyna to be his bodyguard in 1997, and the two have been inseparable ever since. Together, they turned their backs on D-Generation X and joined forces with WWF boss Vince McMahon's Corporation. These days, however, they are key members of Shane McMahon's Corporate Ministry and are unleashing a reign of terror on the entire wrestling world!

NEW AGE OUTLAWS

Just the mention of their name identifies this duo as rebels! Jesse James and Billy Gunn are on the cutting edge of the WWF's new "attitude." They disrespect their boss, they disrespect their peers, they disrespect just about everyone and everything!

Originally part of D-Generation X, the Outlaws have stayed true to their rebel stance. Despite being outsiders, the Outlaws have been highly successful, winning the Tag Team Championship, while Jesse captured the recently established WWF Hardcore title on his own.





SCOTT HALL

The original "Outsider," Scott is responsible for starting WCW's outlaw posse known as the New World Order. In the WWF, he was known as Razor Ramon, the "bad guy," and when he moved to WCW he proved just how bad he could be! First, he took over WCW's *Monday Nitro* TV show, then he teamed with fellow WWF refugee Kevin Nash to establish the nWo!

Hall even looks the part of the bad guy, with his five o'clock shadow, toothpick dangling from his lip, and the dark, greasy curls falling across his forehead. He does things his own way and no one can stop him. You try stopping a 6'7", 282-pound wrestler from doing what he wants to do!

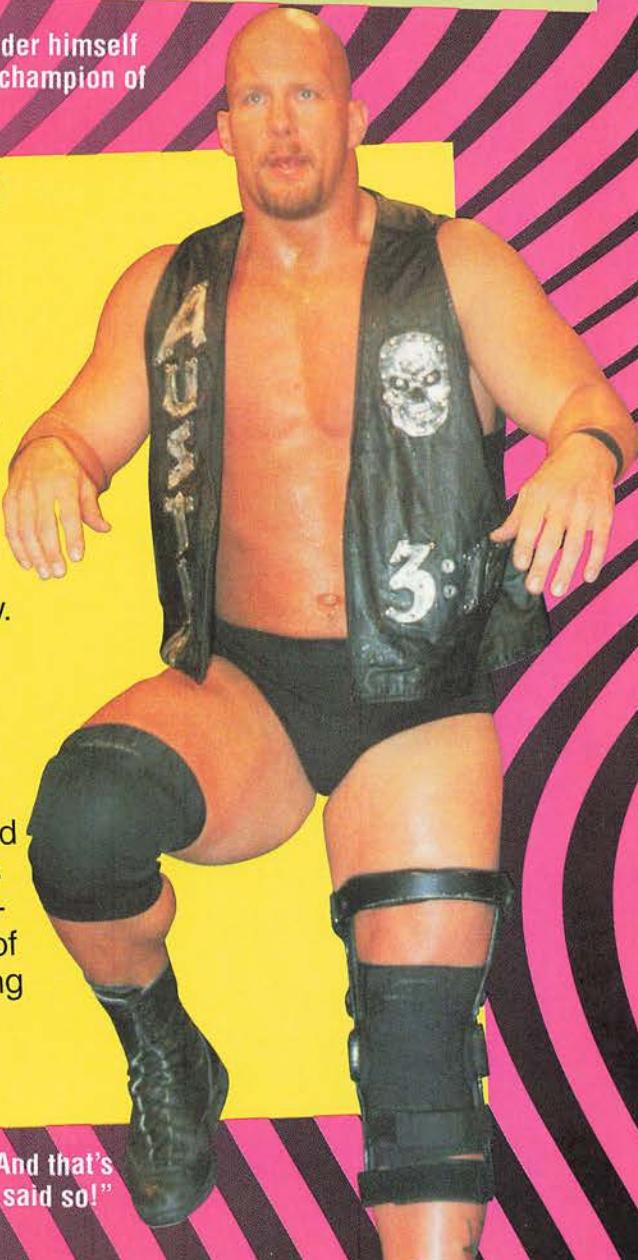
Scott Hall doesn't consider himself an outlaw, but rather a champion of the people.

"STONE COLD" STEVE AUSTIN

Austin is the most popular wrestler on the planet today. When Stone Cold enters the arena, the crowd roars loud enough to blow the roof off! What makes Stone Cold so appealing? Simply put, he's the baddest of the bad guys. He does what he wants to, when he wants to. "And that's the bottom line, 'cause Stone Cold said so!" is how Austin puts it.

Austin is nicknamed "The Texas Rattlesnake" because he is as mean as that deadly creature. He has no respect for authority. He has no regard for the rules. He is a loner with no friends. He lives by the motto "Don't trust anybody." He knows what he wants and will do anything to get it!

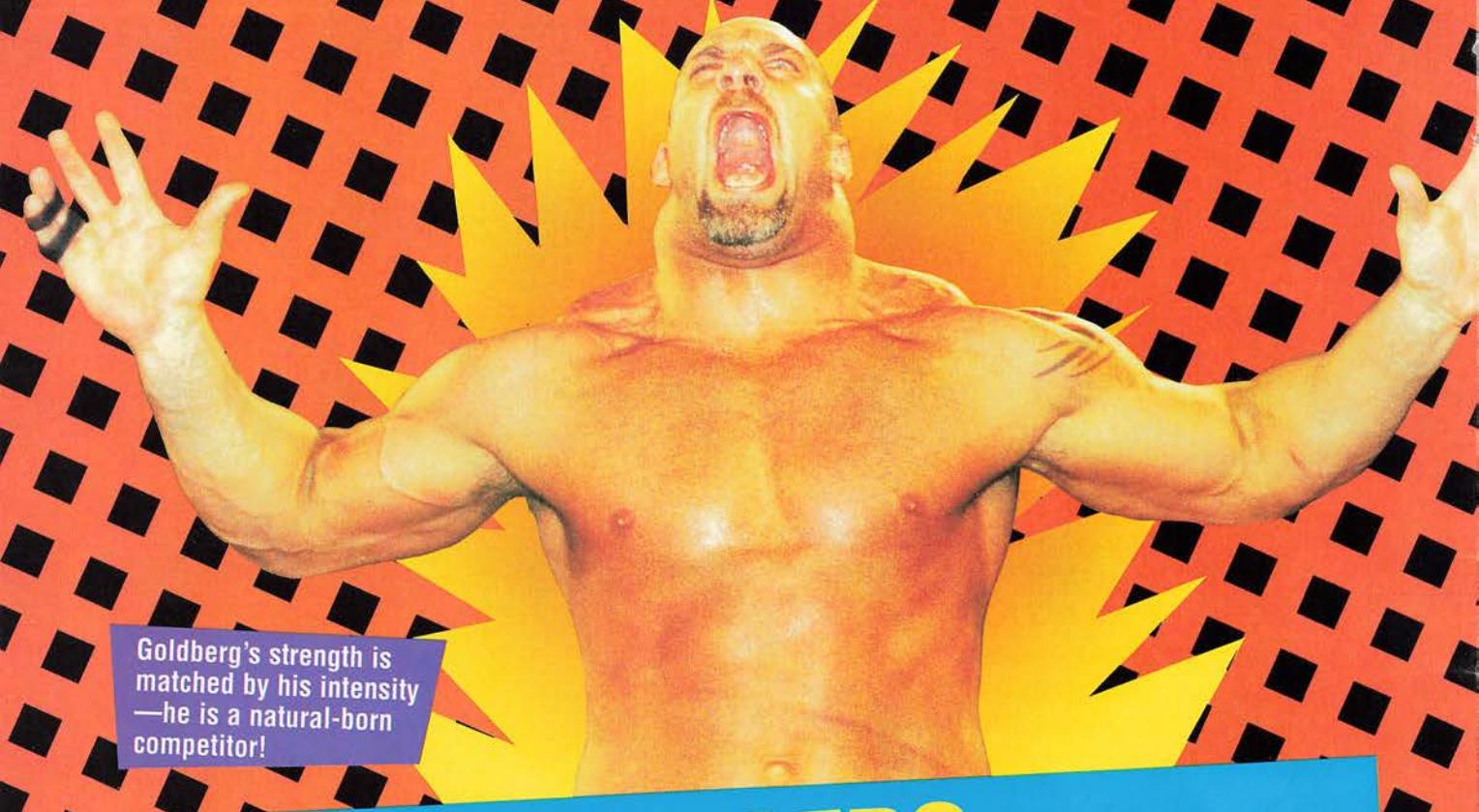
The 6'2", 252-pound Texan has been amazingly successful, capturing the WWF World Championship on three occasions. He also has been a two-time Intercontinental Champ, a two-time Tag Team Champ, and has won the King of the Ring and Royal Rumble honors. His finishing move, the Stone Cold Stunner, has become classic and his wars with WWF boss Vince McMahon have become legendary!



Steve Austin does things his way, "And that's the bottom line, 'cause Stone Cold said so!"

THE STRONGEST!

THESE MEN ARE POWER PERSONIFIED! COLLIDING WITH ONE OF THEM IS LIKE BEING HIT BY A BUS!



Goldberg's strength is matched by his intensity—he is a natural-born competitor!

GOLDBERG

Muscles rippling, fireworks exploding around him, Goldberg roars like a man possessed and charges to the ring. His opponent is already psyched out and the fear runs up his spine before the 6'4", 285-pound Goldberg even enters the squared circle.

A former football star in the NFL, Goldberg is the perfect package of power, agility, and speed, and that combination spells doom for anyone who crosses his path! Without a doubt, this muscular mat man is one of the true powerhouses in the sport today. In great physical shape, he knows what he has and he knows how to use it.

One-two-three! Goldberg gets the job done, usually sending his opponent into oblivion with his signature finishing move, the Jackhammer. Goldberg likes his matches short and sweet, and the former WCW World Champion has the power to keep them that way for a long time to come!

BAM BAM BIGELOW

They call him the "Beast from the East" and it comes as no surprise because Bigelow boasts massive girth and amazing agility for someone his size. Bam Bam can run over just about anyone and he has a mean streak a mile wide.

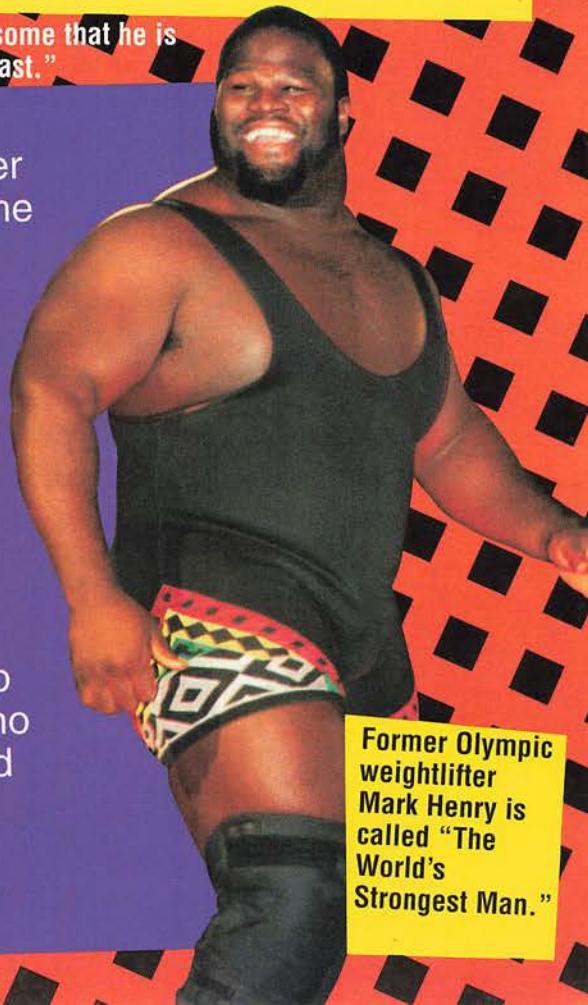
Formerly a nightclub bouncer, the Atlantic City, New Jersey native, went on to become a star in the WWF and had one of the Federation's most famous matches against former NFL football star Lawrence Taylor at WrestleMania XI. These days, Bam Bam is battering bodies in WCW and he makes for a fearsome sight! With his huge size, bald head tattooed with flames, and his menacing glare, Bigelow psyches out his opponent before he even begins to bounce him around the ring! He is out to let the wrestling world know that no one is safe when the Beast from the East is on the loose!

Bam Bam Bigelow is so fearsome that he is called "The Beast from the East."

MARK HENRY

Talk about strength! Henry is a former weightlifting champion who competed at the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia, where he earned the title "The World's Strongest Man." A newcomer to the ring wars, the 6'1", 400-pounder has adapted well to his new profession, but is still learning the ropes.

Henry has found that pure strength isn't everything in the pro wrestling game. Skill and concentration are also key elements. Despite his awesome strength, Henry has sometimes ended up on the losing end of a match. But make no mistake, with a little more experience and better concentration skills, the World's Strongest Man could be one of the most dangerous competitors in the sport!



Former Olympic weightlifter Mark Henry is called "The World's Strongest Man."

THE LEGENDS

WE ARE LUCKY TO LIVE IN AN ERA IN WHICH WE CAN SEE SOME OF THE LIVING LEGENDS OF PRO WRESTLING IN ACTION. HERE ARE SOME OF THE SPORT'S HALL OF FAME-BOUND COMPETITORS!

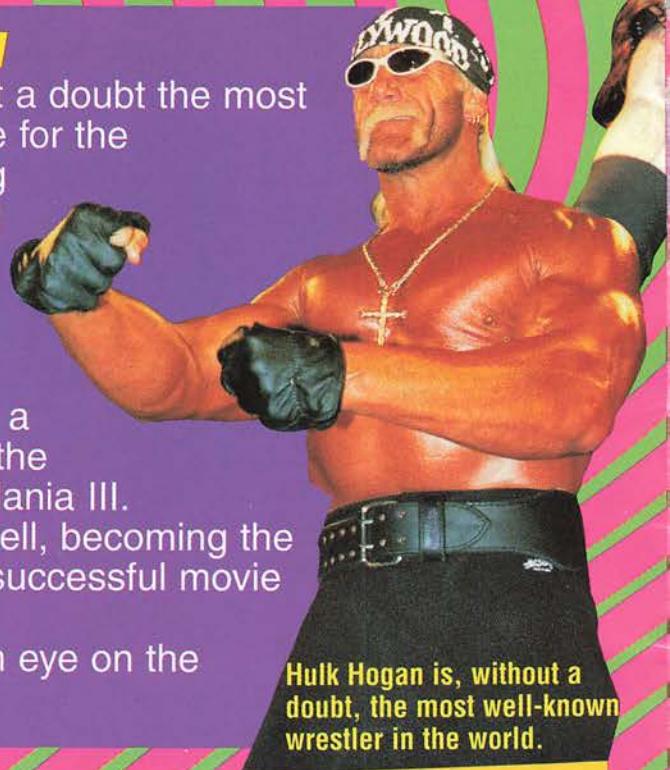
"HOLLYWOOD" HULK HOGAN

The 6'7", 275-pound Hulkster is without a doubt the most famous man in the sport. Directly responsible for the Hulkamania craze, which sparked a wrestling boom in the 1980s, Hogan is again changing the face of the sport as the leader of the New World Order.

A former World Champion numerous times in both the WWF and WCW, the Hulkster drew the largest indoor crowd when a record 93,000 fans came to watch him slam the 7'4", 500-pound Andre the Giant at WrestleMania III.

Hulk is a pacesetter in other ways as well, becoming the first pro wrestler to cross over and launch a successful movie and television career.

Which way is he headed next? Keep an eye on the Hulkster, as he is always full of surprises!

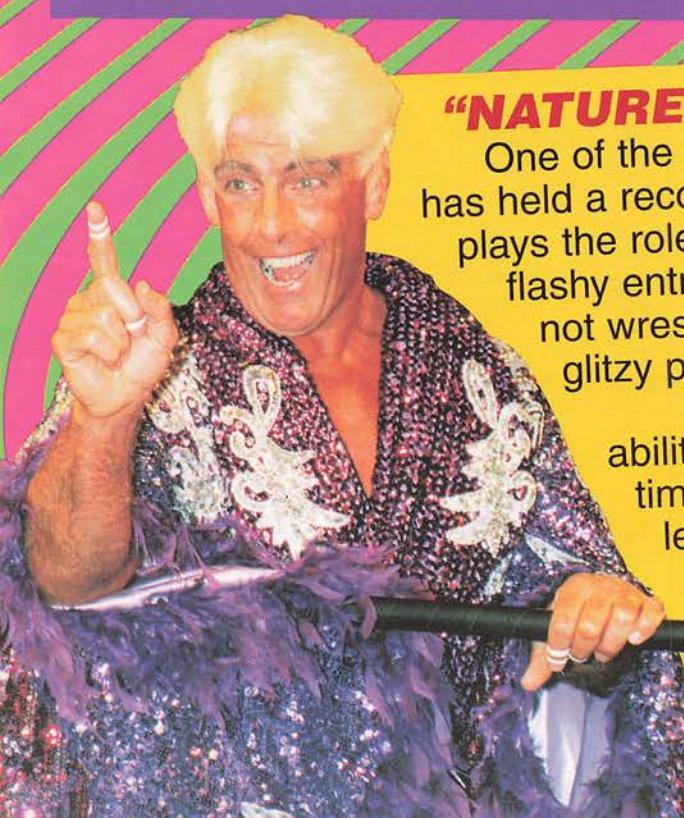


Hulk Hogan is, without a doubt, the most well-known wrestler in the world.

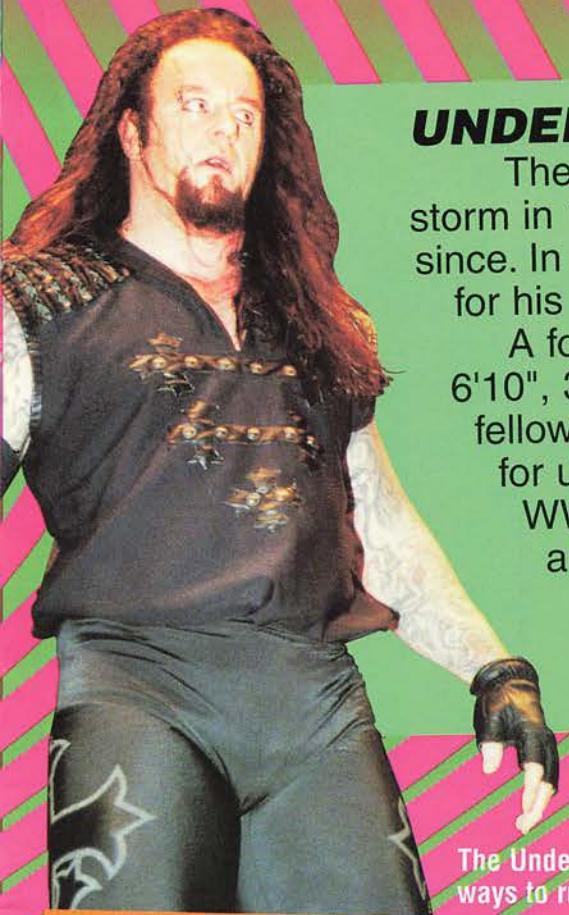
"NATURE BOY" RIC FLAIR

One of the greatest pro wrestlers of all time, Ric has held a record 13 World Championships, and he plays the role of the champion to the hilt. Flair wears flashy entrance robes to the ring, and when he's not wrestling he is riding in his limousine to a glitzy party.

He's called the "60-Minute Man" for his ability to go the distance in a 60-minute, time-limit match. A founding member of the legendary Four Horsemen, the 6'1", 245-pound Flair has always managed to find a way to beat men twice his size, earning him the respect of the fans and his peers.



Ric Flair makes a flashy figure in the ring.



UNDERTAKER

The Man from the Darkside took the WWF by storm in 1990 and has been wreaking havoc ever since. In fact, he earned the nickname "The Phenom" for his incredibly rapid rise through the WWF ranks.

A former two-time WWF World Champion, the 6'10", 328-pound Undertaker is the older brother of fellow ring giant Kane. He is currently responsible for unleashing the Ministry of Darkness on the WWF, especially on WWF boss Vince McMahon and his family.

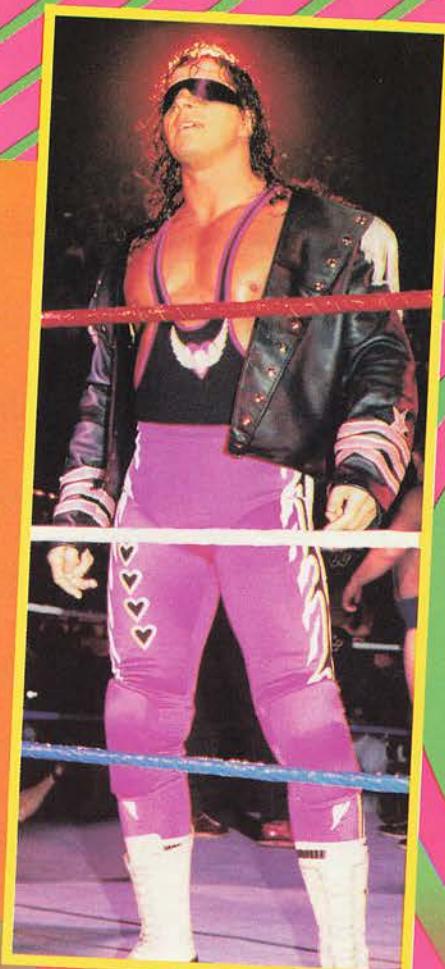
Despite his evil ways, the Undertaker has a legion of loyal fans who are known as his "Creatures of the Night." Now, that's scary!

The Undertaker uses his evil ways to rule the WWF.

BRET "THE HITMAN" HART

Considered a national hero in his native Canada, The Hitman has won five World Championships, two Intercontinental titles, and two Tag Team Championships. In fact, he has been called "The Excellence of Execution" for his remarkable technical wrestling skills. Bret is not shy about his abilities, either, calling himself "the best there is, the best there was, and the best there ever will be!"

The 6'1", 234-pound Bret is a second-generation wrestler. His father is the legendary Stu Hart. Bret wrestled most of his career in the WWF until moving to WCW just over a year ago to look for some fresh competition for his arsenal of wrestling maneuvers.



The legendary Bret Hart has mastered the technical skills of wrestling.

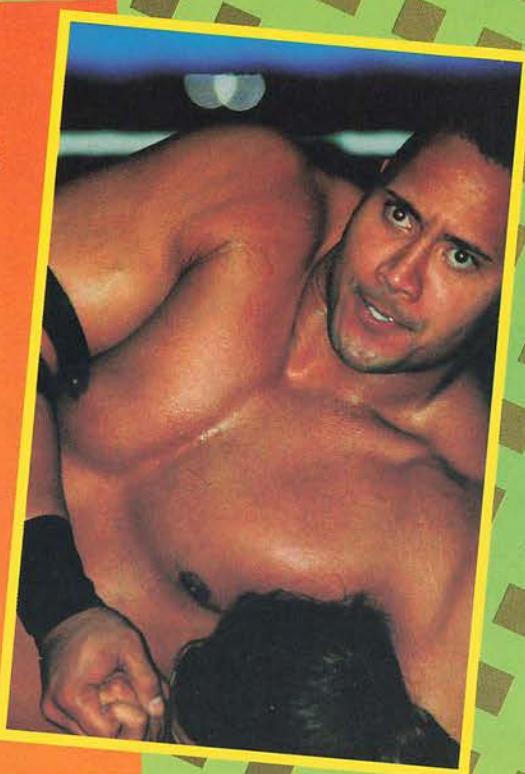
THE MOST COLORFUL

AS WELL AS BEING CHARACTERS, THESE GUYS ADD PLENTY OF COLOR TO THE MAT SPORT!

ROCKY MAIVIA

The Rock is definitely one of the most colorful grapplers in the game. No, he doesn't paint his face. No, he doesn't wear outrageous ring attire. It is his gift of gab that brings color to the grappling game. The Rock boasts the best mike skills in the business. Maivia, a third-generation wrestler, has coined a lexicon of wrestling catch phrases. He warns his opponents that he is about to "lay the smack down" on them and advises them to "take a left at Know Your Role Boulevard" and admonishes them to "check into the Smack Down Hotel."

A three-time WWF World Champion, Rocky is talented and knows it. Entering the WWF, he proclaimed himself "The People's Champion." He believes that he is the "Most Electrifying Man in Sports Entertainment." When all is said and done, The Rock arches "the People's Eyebrow" and drops "the People's Elbow" to gain another victory!

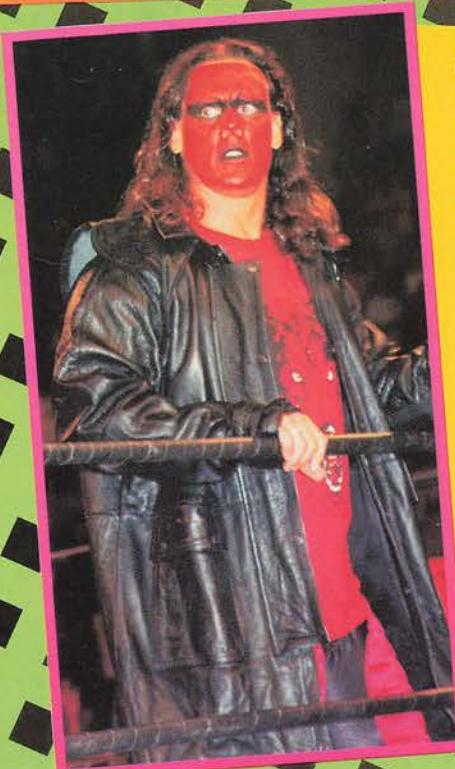


The Rock "lays the smack down" on one of his opponents.

STING

The Stinger is one of the most popular wrestlers in the sport today. Initially, Sting had a buzz cut, painted his face with bright colors, and wore ring tights to match. When he joined the nWo Wolfpack, he wore red face paint. Lately, he has been wearing black with a white face, to look like the character The Crow, from the movie of the same name. This definitely unnerves his opponents as the 6'3", 252-pounder makes his way to the ring!

A native of Venice Beach, California, Sting has been called the "Franchise" of WCW. He has been World Champion three times and "Wrestler of the Year" on many occasions. Sting has an impressive arsenal of ring maneuvers. His finishing move, the Scorpion Death Lock, is one of the sport's most-feared holds!



One of the more colorful wrestlers in the sport, Sting sported red face paint when he first joined the nWo.

GOLDUST

This WWF superstar may have the most outrageous ring outfit of them all! Goldust hails from Hollywood, California, and has modeled his wrestling persona on the movie industry's Oscar. Gold from head to foot, he has earned a reputation as the "Bizarre One."

Goldust is one wrestler who should not be taken lightly. His getup may make him seem like a pushover, but he is an accomplished wrestler and former Intercontinental Champion. Physically impressive, the 6'6", 260-pounder can go toe-to-toe with the big boys. His finishing move, "Shattered Dreams," has left many of his opponents splattered on the mat.

Gold from head to foot, Goldust is called
"The Bizarre One."



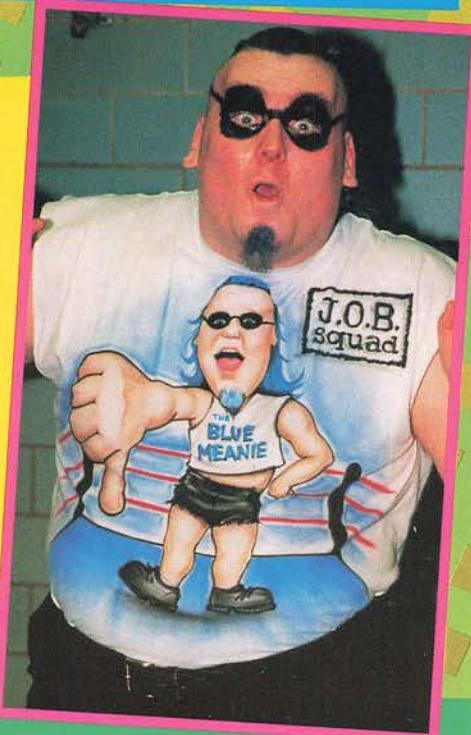
BLUE MEANIE

The Blue Meanie is one of the sport's strangest characters. With his blue hair, painted-on sunglasses, and unique physique, he certainly stands out!

One of the Meanie's most outlandish antics was appearing at ringside in "blue face" while Goldust was wrestling. He earned the name "Bluedust" that night, and revealed that he was a big Goldust fan.

Whether he's performing for the crowd or taking opponents to the mat with his 6'1", 292-pound frame, the Blue Meanie is always fun to watch!

The Blue Meanie has been a constant source of entertainment for the fans in the WWF.



GANGREL

Known as the leader of The Brood, which includes Christian and Edge, Gangrel brings a gothic intrigue to modern-day wrestling. Entering the arena, he rises from a pit of flames! Clutching a goblet filled with what appears to be blood, he breaks into an evil grin, baring vampire-like fangs! Gangrel then drinks from the goblet, spilling some of the liquid onto his white shirt, staining it bright red!

If that isn't creepy enough, Gangrel is also responsible for carrying out a series of "Blood Baths" on his enemies. At his command, a mysterious, blood-like substance will fall from the rafters, drenching his opponents. Gangrel can really give you the creeps!



Gangrel is one of the creepiest wrestlers on the circuit today.

THE WACKIEST!

THEY SAY THAT YOU HAVE TO BE CRAZY TO
BE A PROFESSIONAL WRESTLER, AND
THESE GUYS REALLY ARE!



AL SNOW & HEAD

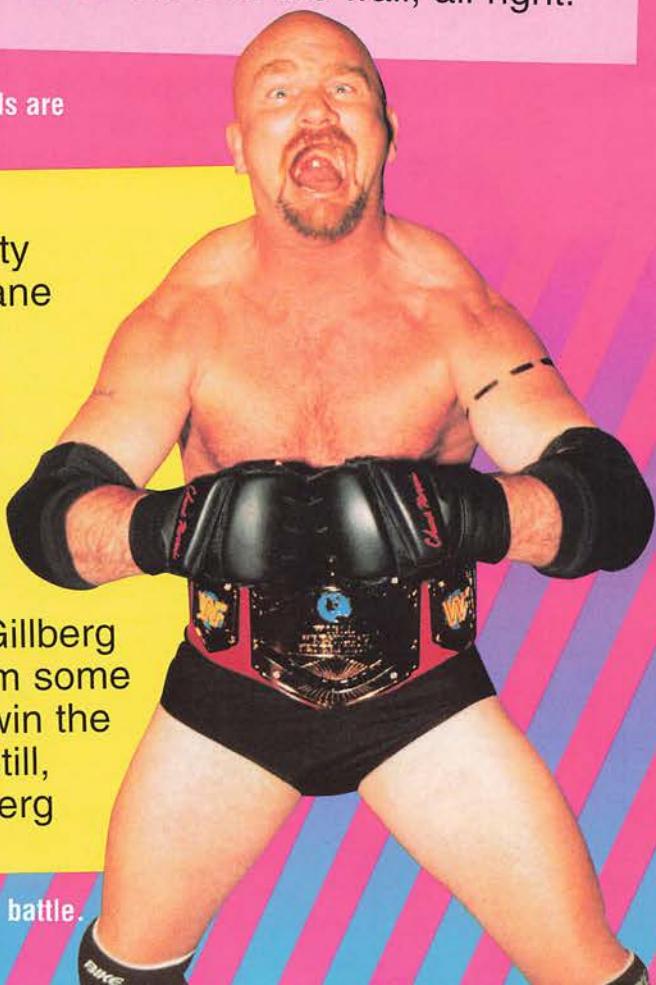
Al Snow is a wrestler who doesn't know who he is, having wrestled as Lief Cassidy earlier in his career. These days, however, he really seems to have crossed the line.

Just how wacky is he? He carries around a mannequin's head everywhere he goes. Not only that, he talks to it! Really! And get this: Al says that The Head talks back! He claims to have meaningful conversations with it and that it has given him some great ring advice. He's off the wall, all right!

Al Snow proves that two heads are better than one.

GILLBERG

This is another wrestler with an identity crisis. Originally known in the WWF as Duane Gill, one day he began billing himself as Gillberg and bore more than an uncanny resemblance to WCW superstar Goldberg, only much smaller. Also like Goldberg, Gillberg roars and beats his chest and rams his head into lockers to psych himself up before a match. Goldberg enters the ring area to a huge fireworks display. Gillberg enters under a small shower of sparks from some hand-held sparklers. At least Gillberg did win the WWF Light Heavyweight Championship. Still, the closest Gillberg comes to being Goldberg is in his own mind!



Gillberg roars when he is ready to do battle.



MANKIND

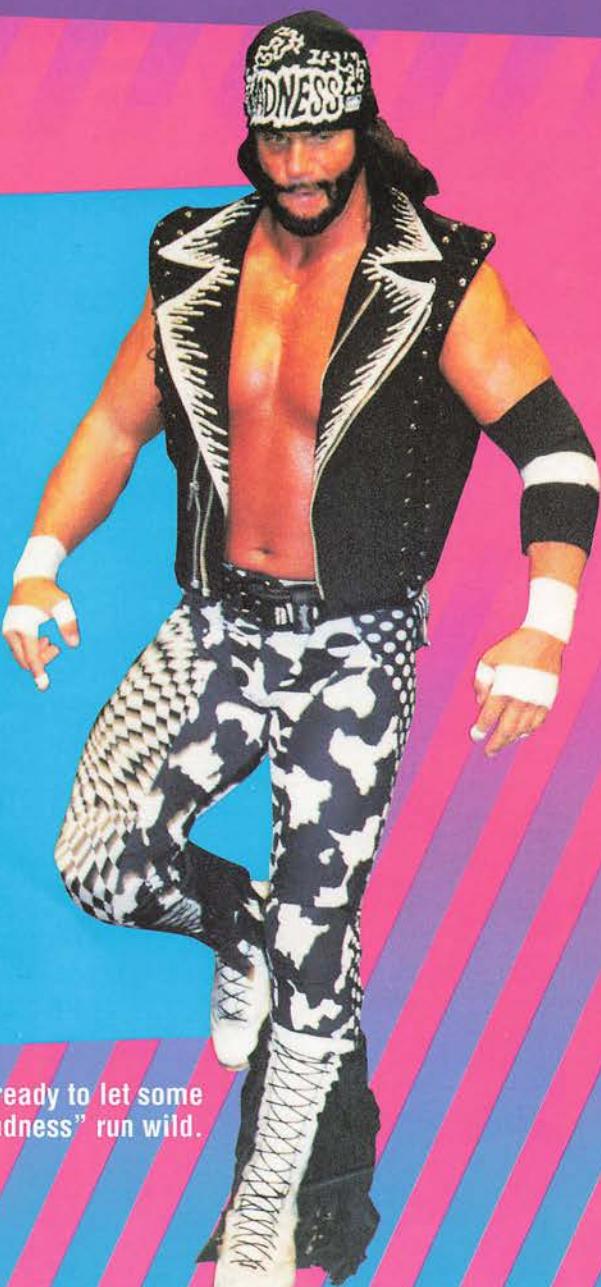
For a while, this wacky wrestler didn't even know who he was! Born Mick Foley, he wrestled as the grizzly Cactus Jack, until one day he came to the ring as ManKind, the masked master of the Mandible Claw. Then, ManKind gave way to the groovy Dude Love for a while. Now ManKind is back, accompanied by his sock hand-puppet, Mr. Socko. If you think *that's* weird, ManKind likes to live in the boiler room and talk to the rats. Ewww!

ManKind has a few words with Mr. Socko.

RANDY SAVAGE

The "Macho Man" is responsible for "Macho Madness" in WCW. Randy is one of the sport's true wild men, from his outrageous ring outfits to his unique voice. His "Ooohh yaaaaah!" has become one of the most imitated wrestling phrases today.

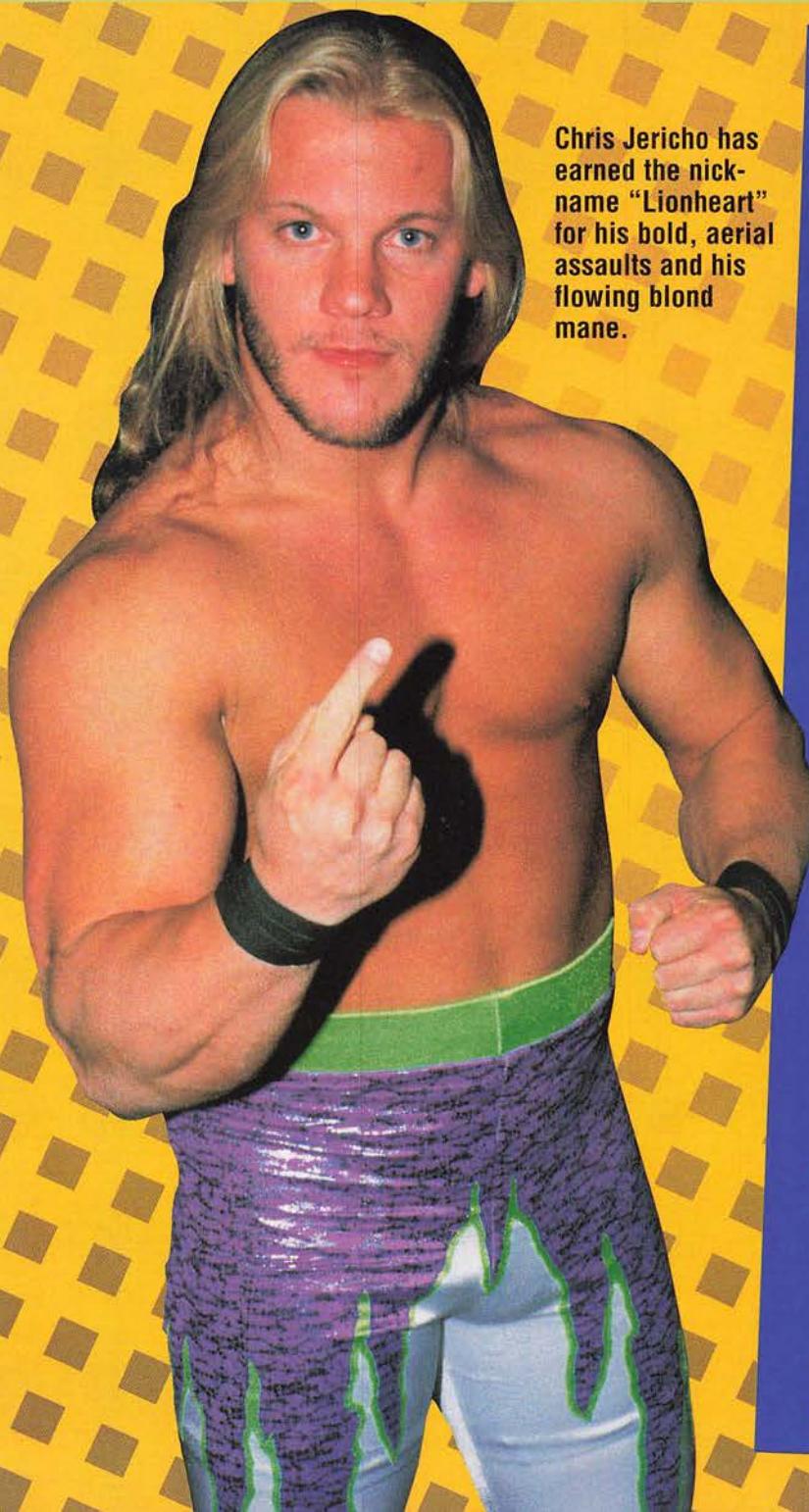
How wild is Randy? Well, he once got married in the middle of a wrestling ring on national TV! There's no holding back the Macho Man. He goes for broke every time he hits the ring!



Randy Savage gets ready to let some
"Macho Madness" run wild.

THE HIGH FLYERS!

IT'S A BIRD! IT'S A PLANE! NO, IT'S A WRESTLER! THESE ARE THE GUYS WHO KEEP THE FANS ON THE EDGE OF THEIR SEATS WITH THEIR HIGH-FLYING RING MANEUVERS.



Chris Jericho has earned the nickname "Lionheart" for his bold, aerial assaults and his flowing blond mane.

CHRIS JERICHO

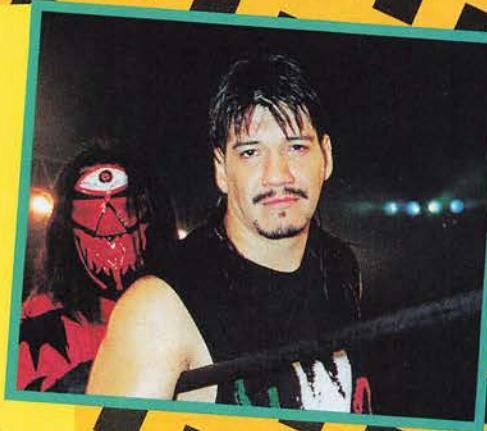
Probably the biggest compliment that Chris ever received was when he was favorably compared to Eddy Guerrero. A native of Calgary, Canada, Chris earned the nickname "Lionheart" for his exciting aerial assaults and flowing blond mane. The 6'2", 225-pounder got his start in the rings of Mexico and Japan, and adopted many of the high-risk "lucha libre" maneuvers.

Fast, agile, and fearless, Jericho confuses opponents with his relentless attacks, forcing them to counter his many moves. Then he finishes them off with the Lionsault! It is this high-flying move that earned Chris the WCW Cruiserweight Championship. Chris leaps onto the second ring rope, his back facing his opponent, then springs backward, doing a back flip onto his surprised foe, sending him crashing to the canvas! It almost always results in a pin!

EDDY GUERRERO

Eddy is a second-generation wrestler who is as comfortable in the air as he is wrestling on the mat. The native of El Paso, Texas, comes from a wrestling family and has learned his trade well. He got his start in the high-flying "lucha libre" promotions in Mexico before bringing his unique talent to WCW and wowing fans with his high-risk maneuvers.

His finishing move is the Jackknife Splash, also called the Frog Splash, which has Eddy springing off the top ring rope onto his stunned opponent! It is a fantastic maneuver and just one in Eddy's vast arsenal. Not a big man by wrestling standards, the 5'9", 205-pound Eddy keeps larger opponents off balance with a mix of acrobatic aerial maneuvers and solid mat techniques. Fans know that when Eddy is on the card, they are guaranteed an exciting, high-flying time!

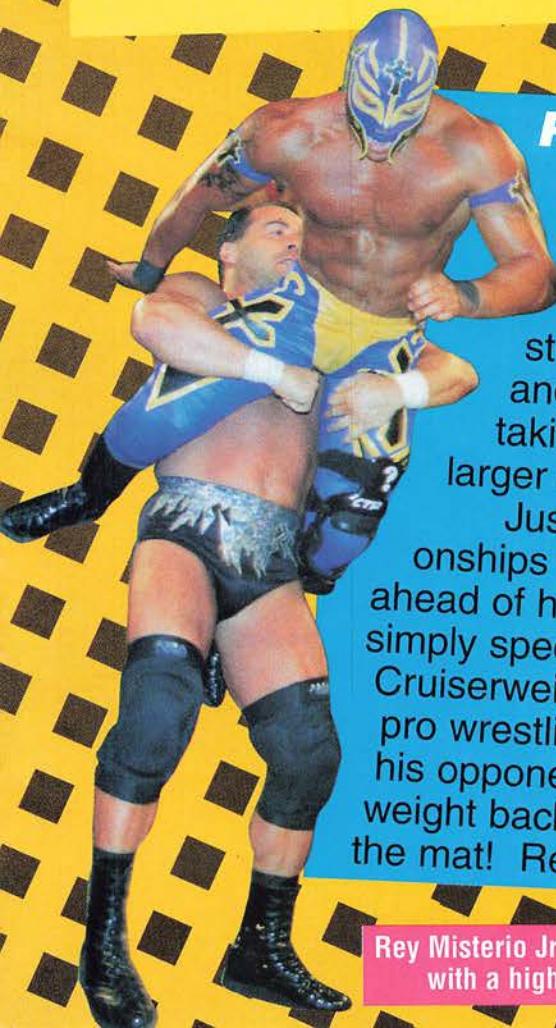


Eddy Guerrero is considered one of the best high flyers in the sport today.

REY MISTERIO JR.

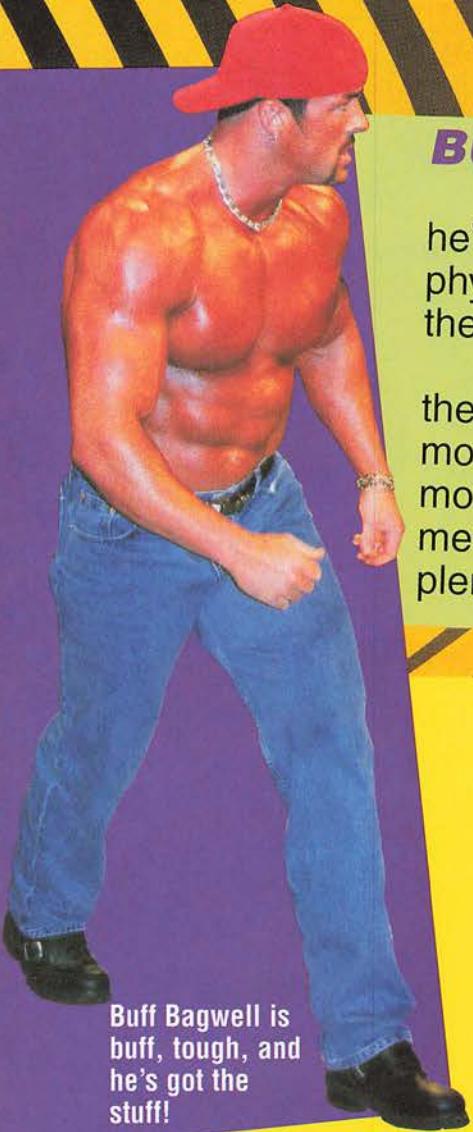
This masked man is unquestionably one of the most exciting wrestlers in the world today. What he lacks in size, the 5'6", 165-pounder makes up for with high-risk aerial maneuvers and nerves of steel. He wears a mask in the Mexican tradition and wrestles the Mexican way, too, with breathtaking leaps off the ring ropes to stun his much larger foes.

Just 21 years old, Rey has already held championships in Mexico and WCW and has a bright future ahead of him. His finishing move, the Huracanrana, is simply spectacular and has helped make the WCW Cruiserweight division the most exciting area of combat in pro wrestling today! Rey leaps from the top rope and grips his opponent's head between his legs, then throws his weight backward, sending his victim head over heels into the mat! Rey ends up on top and easily pins his dazed foe.



Rey Mysterio Jr. takes down Dean Malenko with a high-risk, aerial maneuver.

BODIES BEAUTIFUL!



Buff Bagwell is buff, tough, and he's got the stuff!

WRESTLERS HAVE GOTTEN A BAD REPUTATION AS BEING THICK-NECKED, BARREL-CHESTED, AND OVERWEIGHT. WRONG! TAKE A LOOK AT THESE MEN—WRESTLERS WHO COULD BE MISTAKEN FOR THE GREEK GOD ADONIS!

BUFF BAGWELL

The word on Bagwell is that "he's buff, tough, and he's definitely got the stuff!" Proud of his flawless physique, Buff is not shy about showing it and flexes for the crowd at every chance he gets.

His good looks and beautiful body have garnered the three-time WCW Tag Team champion some key movie roles. Buff has the stuff to launch a successful movie career if he ever decides to stop wrestling. In the meantime, the 6'1", 247-pounder provides the nWo with plenty of muscle.

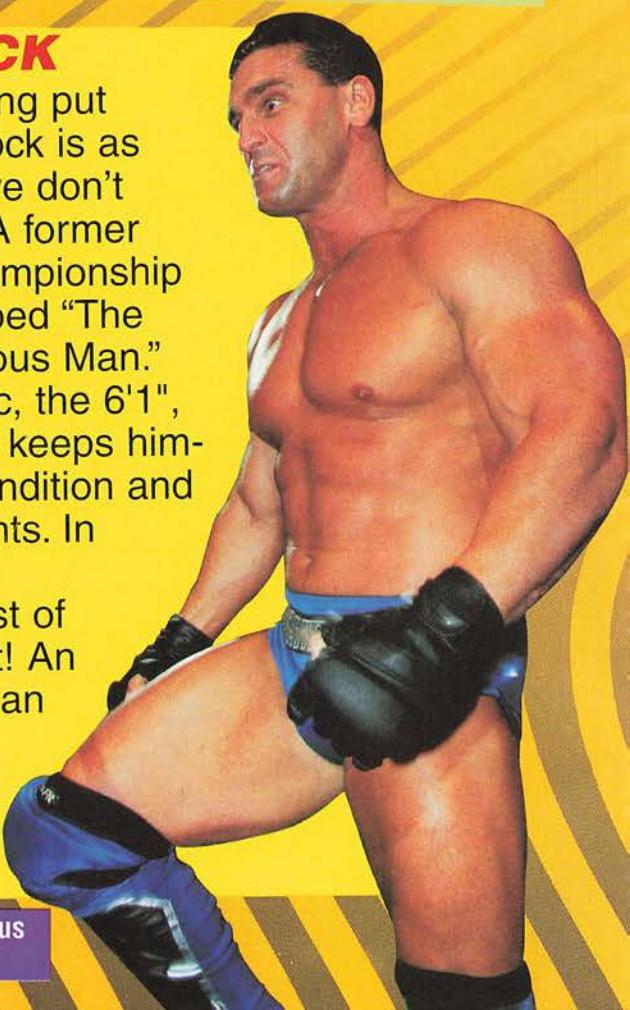
KEN SHAMROCK

Talk about being put together! Ken Shamrock is as solid as a rock, and we don't mean Rocky Maivia. A former Ultimate Fighting Championship winner, Ken was dubbed "The World's Most Dangerous Man."

Always athletic, the 6'1", 235-pound Shamrock keeps himself in top physical condition and

presents plenty of trouble for his opponents. In addition to his power and fighting skills, Shamrock has a temper that gets the best of him at times. When he explodes, look out! An enraged Shamrock is more dangerous than an erupting volcano or a charging bull! Like a man possessed, Shamrock will run through walls to get to his foe and show just how dangerous he is!

Ken Shamrock boasts a finely-chiseled physique, tremendous fighting skills, and an explosive temper!



SCOTT STEINER

Scott is the modern-day Hercules of professional wrestling. The 6'2", 290-pounder is so pumped up that he was given the nickname "Big Poppa Pump." An amateur wrestling champion at the University of Michigan, he followed his older brother Rick into the pro sport and the two worked together as a championship-level tag team for some time.

Then a change came over Scott—he turned on his brother, bleached his hair, and began breaking every rule in sight!

The former good guy joined the nWo and became best buddies with fellow muscle man Buff Bagwell. Their friendship soured, however, when they argued over who was more pumped up. Buff is pumped for sure, but nobody can compare to Scott Steiner. They don't call him Big Poppa Pump for nothing!

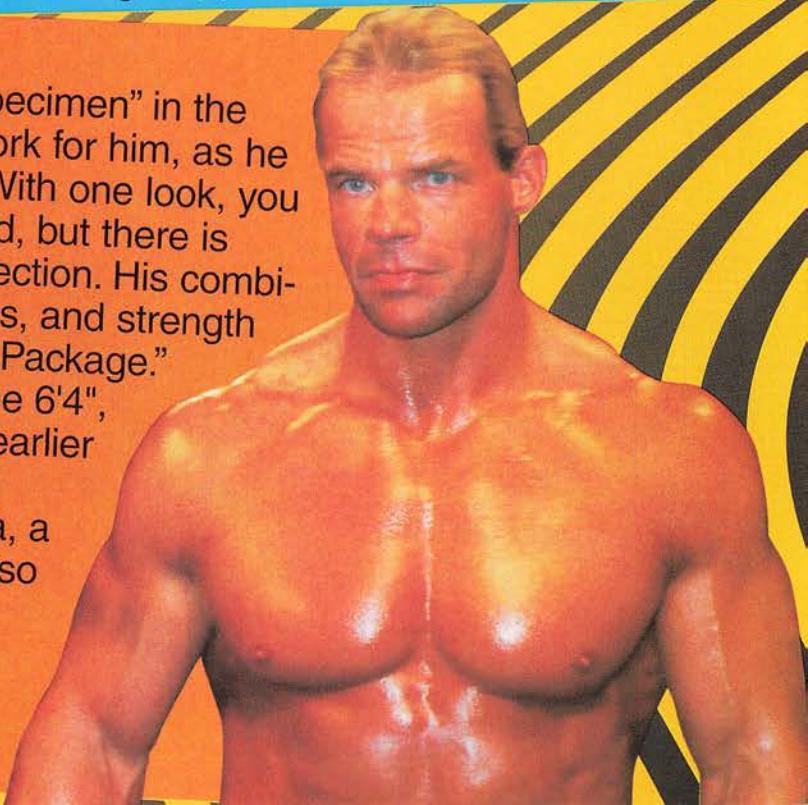
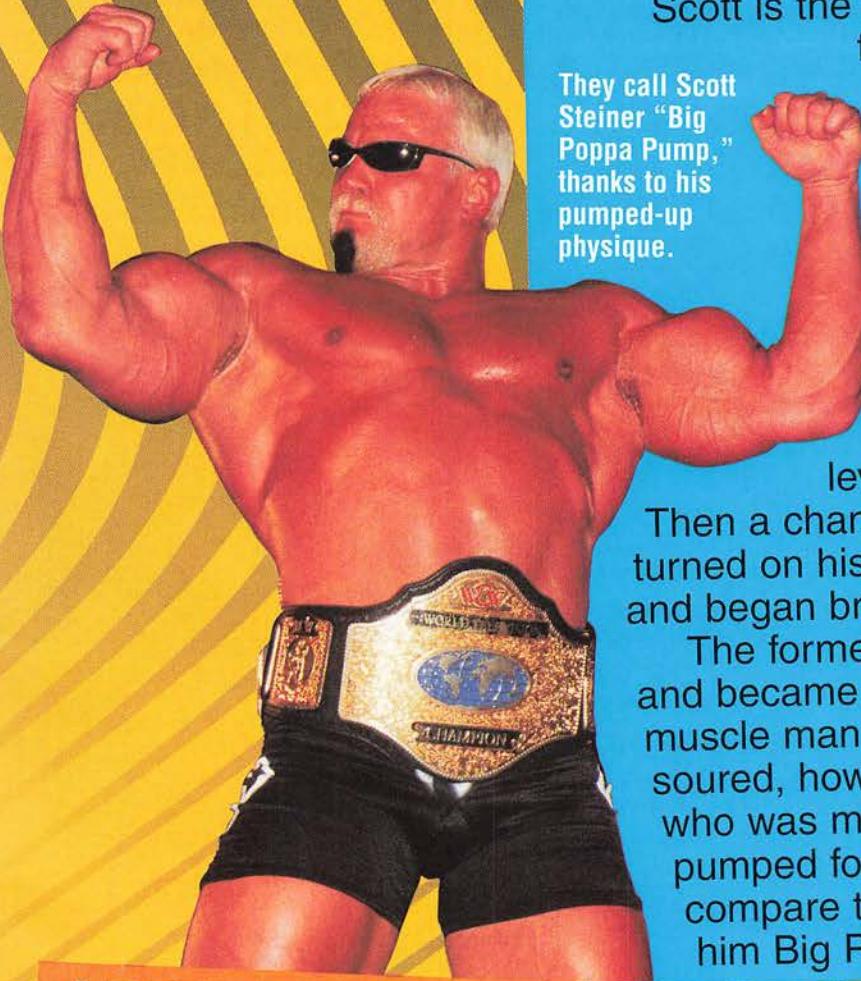
LEX LUGER

Called the "greatest physical specimen" in the sport, Lex has made his physique work for him, as he is a former WCW World Champion. With one look, you know he has the body of a Greek god, but there is more to Luger than just physical perfection. His combination of power, brains, technical skills, and strength have earned him the label "The Total Package."

Now plying his trade in WCW, the 6'4", 270-pound Luger made history in an earlier stint in the WWF when he body-slammed the "unslamable" Yokozuna, a huge Japanese sumo wrestler. He's also earned a well-deserved reputation for his painful, signature finishing move, The Torture Rack.

Lex Luger has the perfect physique.

They call Scott Steiner "Big Poppa Pump," thanks to his pumped-up physique.



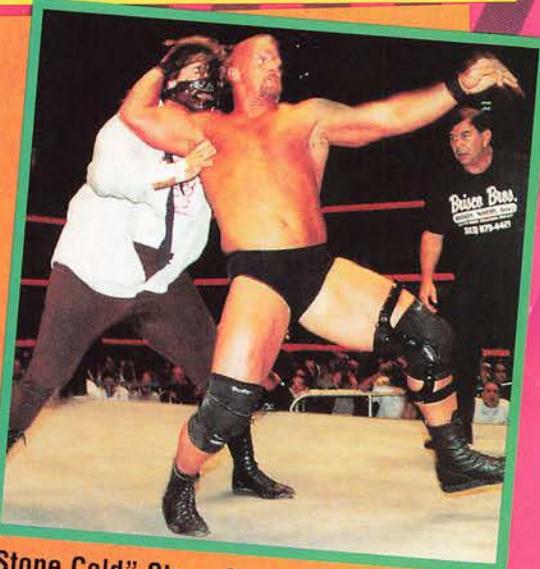
SIGNATURE MOVES!

MOST PRO WRESTLERS HAVE A FINISHING MOVE OR SUBMISSION HOLD THAT IS UNIQUELY THEIR OWN. HERE'S A LOOK AT SOME OF THE MORE FAMOUS SIGNATURE MOVES IN THE BUSINESS.

STONE COLD STUNNER

This is the move that "Stone Cold" Steve Austin uses to put away his foes. He has used it on everyone from The Rock to his own boss, Vince McMahon! Due to Stone Cold's tremendous popularity, it is the most famous finishing move in the sport today.

The Stunner is a combination of moves, borrowing from Jake Robert's DDT; Honky Tonk Man's Shake, Rattle, & Roll; and Diamond Dallas Page's Diamond Cutter. Austin gets his victim by the neck and snaps him face-first into the canvas. With his opponent "stunned," Austin can easily make the cover and get the pinfall!



"Stone Cold" Steve Austin gets ready to give Mankind the Stunner!

CHOKE SLAM

This variation on the body slam is the signature move of Paul Wight, The Big Show of professional wrestling. Wight grabs his victim by the throat and lifts him up into the air, then slams him down flat on his back on the mat.



The Big Show uses his signature Choke Slam on Goldberg.

THE CLOTHESLINE

This move involves throwing your opponent into the ring ropes and, as his momentum carries him back toward you, clobbering him with a strong, stiff forearm. Your foe winds up on his back on the canvas, stunned, and ready for an easy pin. Many wrestlers use this move, but it was made famous by the Legion of Doom, Animal and Hawk.



PILEDRIVER

This is one of the most dangerous moves in the sport. It involves holding your opponent upside down and driving his head into the mat! OUCH! In fact, Owen Hart broke Steve Austin's neck with this move, and WCW banned Kevin Nash from using it.

The Piledriver is one of the most dangerous moves in the sport.

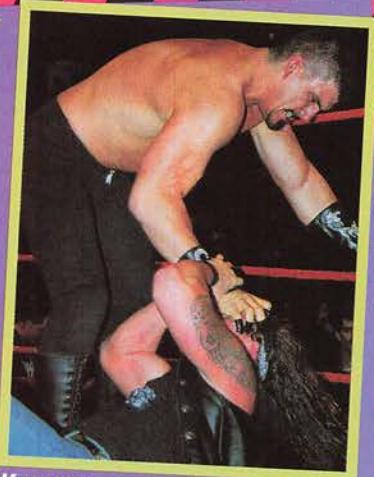
THE SHARPSHOOTER

This is the move that has made Bret "Hitman" Hart famous! A variation of the Boston Crab, this move puts the victim in such excruciating pain that he quickly submits and the match is over. Bret grabs his fallen opponent's legs, intertwining them in his, then spins around, forcing his victim's body down to the mat. By twisting his torso, Bret increases the pressure on his victim's legs. This is the move that put Stone Cold out cold at WrestleMania XIII. Austin refused to submit but was in such pain that he passed out, causing special referee Ken Shamrock to stop the match.

Bret "The Hitman" Hart demonstrates his famous finishing move, the Sharpshooter.

THE CLAW

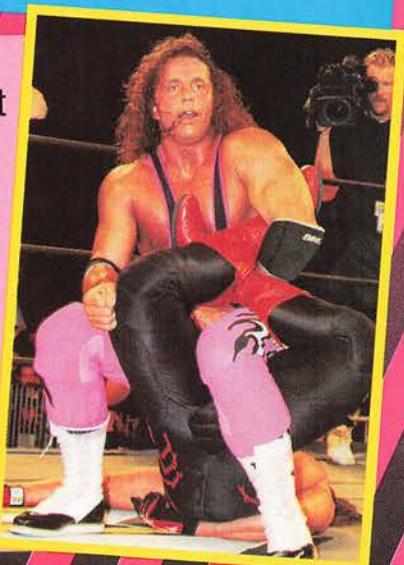
This is a move that is executed just as it sounds. The hand is used to tightly grasp any part of an opponent's body. It requires great hand and arm strength and causes great pain. The Brain Claw applied to the head is the move most practitioners prefer. Kurrgan of the Oddities is one wrestler who uses the Claw as his signature move.



Kurrgan slaps the Brain Claw on his unfortunate opponent!

DROPKICK

Shawn Michaels calls it "Sweet Chin Music," but it is a dropkick by any other name. Basically, Shawn leaps into the air in the direction of his opponent, puts himself into a horizontal position and kicks both feet into his victim. Most dropkicks are landed on the opponent's chin but Shawn aims for his victim's chin.

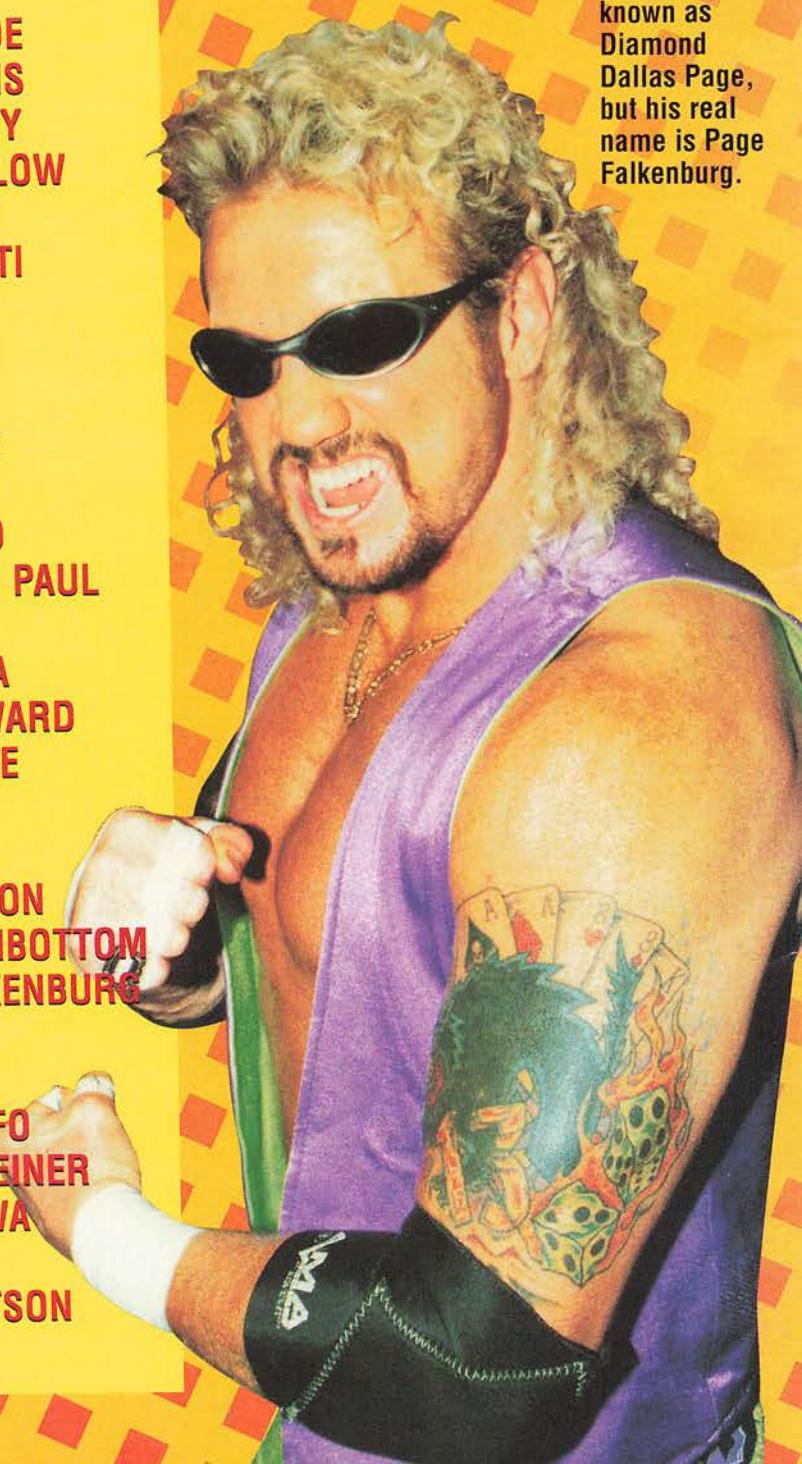


WRESTLERS REAL NAMES

JUST AS ACTORS TAKE ON STAGE NAMES, MANY WRESTLERS ADOPT RING NAMES! CHECK OUT THE LIST BELOW TO FIND OUT THE REAL NAME OF YOUR FAVORITE STAR!

ARN ANDERSON—MARTIN LUNDE
STEVE AUSTIN—STEVE WILLIAMS
PAUL BEARER—WILLIAM MOODY
BAM BAM BIGELOW—SCOTT BIGELOW
D'LO BROWN—A. C. CONNOR
DISCO INFERNO—GLEN GILBERTI
FAAROOQ—RON SIMMONS
RIC FLAIR—RICHARD FLEHR
GLACIER—RAY LLOYD
GOLDUST—DUSTIN RUNNELS
BILLY GUNN—KIP SOPP
HAWK—MICHAEL HEGSTRAND
HUNTER HEARST HELMSLEY—JEAN PAUL LEVESQUE
HULK HOGAN—TERRY BOLLEA
HARDCORE HOLLY—ROBERT HOWARD
CHRIS JERICHO—CHRIS IRVINE
KIDMAN—PETER GRUNER
LEX LUGER—LARRY PFOHL
ROCKY MAIVIA—DUANE JOHNSON
SHAWN MICHAELS—MICHAEL HICKENBOTTOM
DIAMOND DALLAS PAGE—PAGE FALKENBURG
RAVEN—SCOTT LEVY
SABU—TERRY BRUNK
RANDY SAVAGE—RANDY POFFO
SCOTT STEINER—SCOTT RECHSTEINER
UNDERTAKER—MARK CALLAWAY
VADER—LEON WHITE
MIKEY WHIPRECK—JOHN WATSON

He is best known as Diamond Dallas Page, but his real name is Page Falkenburg.

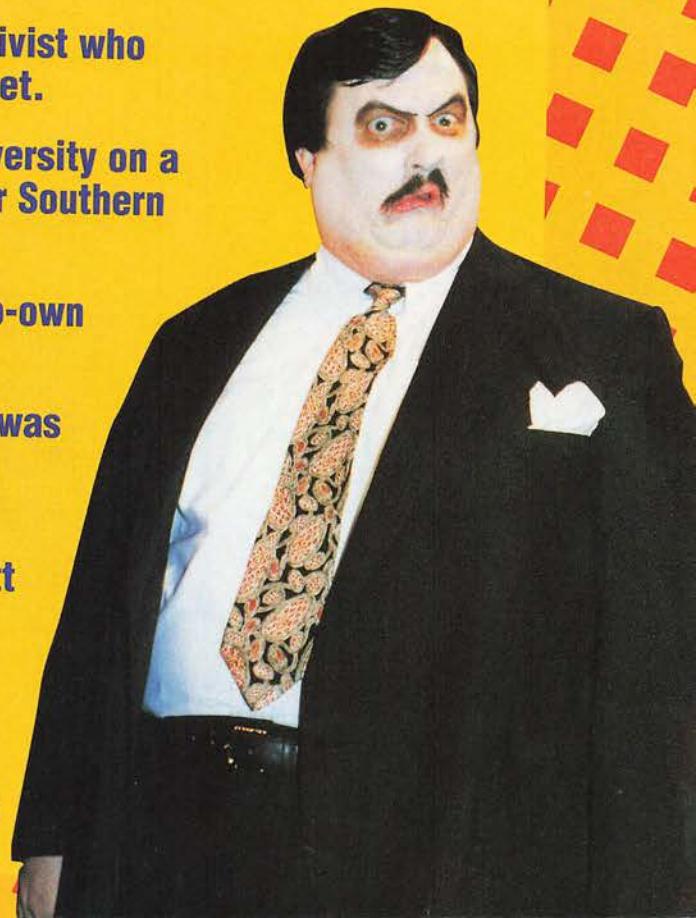




You probably didn't know that before he began his wrestling career, Jerry "The King" Lawler was a radio disc jockey.

10 THINGS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT SOME CURRENT WRESTLERS

1. Hardcore Holly, as Bob Holly, raced on the NASCAR circuit in a WWF-sponsored car.
2. Chris Jericho's father is Ted Irvine, a retired NHL hockey player who played for the Boston Bruins, New York Rangers, Los Angeles Kings, and the St. Louis Blues.
3. Before joining the wrestling world, Jerry "The King" Lawler worked as a fast-talking radio disc jockey.
4. Before he became a wrestler, Randy Savage played baseball in the St. Louis Cardinals minor-league system.
5. Goldberg is an active animal-rights activist who wants every wrestler in WCW to adopt a pet.
6. Paul Wight attended Wichita State University on a basketball scholarship and also played for Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.
7. Sting and Lex Luger are partners and co-own a chain of gyms in Atlanta, Georgia.
8. Faarooq, then known as Ron Simmons, was an All-American football player at Florida State University.
9. Before he became a wrestler Jeff Jarrett worked as a wrestling referee.
10. Ric Flair broke his back in a plane crash and was told that he would never wrestle again!



You know him as Paul Bearer, but his real name is William Moody.

WHERE TO FIND WRESTLING ON THE WEB!

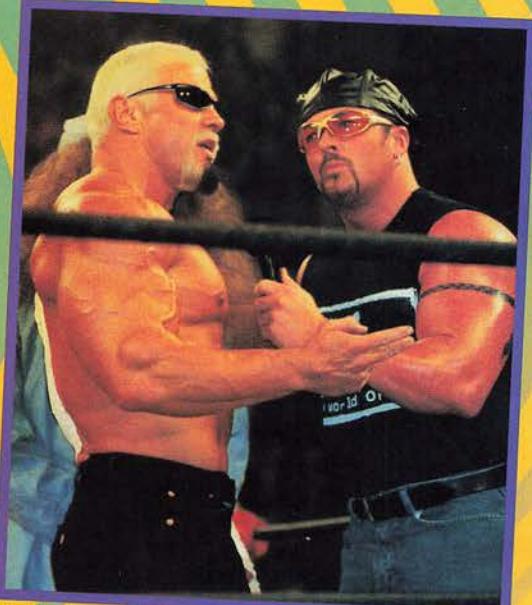
Pro wrestling is so popular these days that it even has a chokehold on the Internet! Check out these wrestling Web sites to find out more about your favorite stars and promotions!

OFFICIAL SITES

The official Web sites of both the WWF and WCW are your best on-line sources for photos, profiles, videos, and sound clips of your favorite stars of the squared circle, as well as schedules of upcoming events.

Go to: www.wwf.com or www.wcw.com

Want the latest wrestling news, gossip, and tidbits? How about brand new interviews with the sport's top stars? Check out the following sites.



Buff Bagwell (right) questions Big Poppa Pump, Scott Steiner. For more on these two, check out the WCW Web site!

"Ringside Chat" at the Huddlin' with the Pros Web site offers a new interview with a top star each month, plus opinions, ratings, and much more!

Go to: www.huddlin.com

Once the page loads, click on "Ringside Chat."

Another great source for news and interviews is the *Miami Herald* newspaper.

Go to: www.herald.com

Once the page loads, click on "sports," then click on "more sports," then click on "pro wrestling," and you are there!

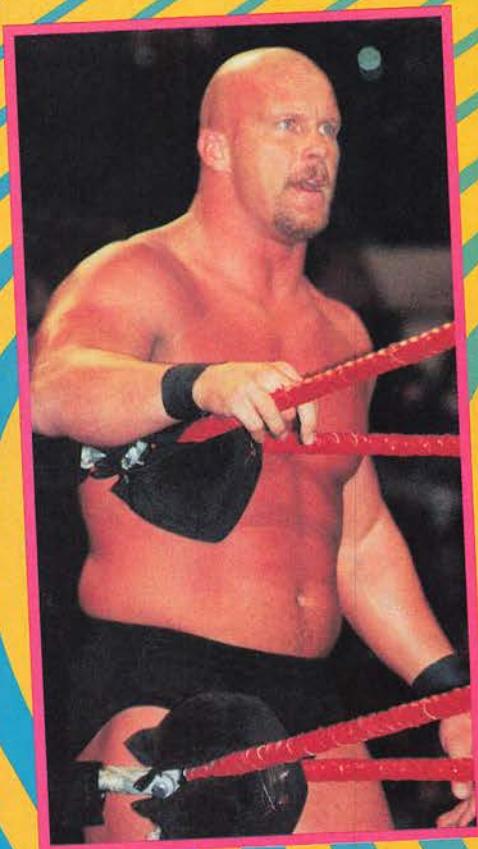
Don't forget, you can also use a search engine, such as Yahoo or Altavista, to find more sites on pro wrestling!

If you are not on-line but would like to write to your favorite wrestlers, the addresses are:

For WWF:
(wrestler's name)
c/o World Wrestling Federation
1241 E. Main St.
Stamford, CT 06902

For WCW:
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